

(f) Action taken on the above demands is as follows:

- (i) State Public Works Department (PWD) has already been requested to call for the proposal for feasibility study for four laning of remaining portion of Mangalore-Hassan stretch of NH-48.
- (ii) Out of 300 km of NH-17 in Karnataka, 106 km is included for four laning under Port connectivity and National Highways Development Project (NHDPP) Phase-IIIA. The remaining length is being maintained in traffic worthy condition within available resources. As regards bridges, the detailed proposals are awaited from the State PWD.
- (iii) After the inspection of site, it was noted that some land encroachment was required to be removed, besides, utilities in the form of water supply pipe lines needed to be shifted for taking up four laning of this stretch. State PWD has already been requested to get these pre-construction activities completed before forwarding the proposal of four laning.

Central aid for Satellite Town

223. SHRI M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the State Government of Karnataka has sought Central aid for building Satellite Town Ring Road, Intermediate Ring Road and radial roads leading to Bangalore city;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the total Central aid requested for by the State Government; and
- (d) the action taken by the Central Government on the request of the State Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) to (c) The State Government has requested to include the construction of Satellite Town Ring Road (283 km) and intermediate Ring Road (178 km) around Bangalore city costing Rs. 1150 crore and Rs. 750 crore respectively under National Highways Development Project Phase-VII.

(d) National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) have been asked to prepare Detailed Project Report (DPR) for the Ring Road around Bangalore City on most suited alignments.

Black listed Contractors by NHAI

224. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is fact that NHAI has black listed 17 contractors since August, 2004;
- (b) the names of the domestic and foreign contractors;
- (c) the names of the respective directors, proprietors, etc of these 17 firms;
- (d) whether Government has been very kind to these 17 firms by not filing criminal charges; and
- (e) the steps proposed to enhance penalties and initiate punitive legal action?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) to (c) A list of civil work contractors black listed by the NHAI since August 2004 along with details of Directors/Proprietors and action taken/proposed to be taken against the civil work contractors is enclosed as Statement.